

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 833

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tracy Hoilman on his selection as the 2004 Teacher of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Hoilman of Unicoi County High School is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoilman has recently been selected as the 2004 Teacher of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education and is now qualified for consideration as National Teacher of the Year, these honors are most befitting Mr. Hoilman's outstanding tenure as a teacher as they recognize the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year program honors educators who inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn and who have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues in their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary educator for two decades, Mr. Hoilman embodies the spirit of this award through his devotion to his students; and

WHEREAS, recognizing his unwavering commitment to education, the Milken Family Foundation, an organization which spotlights outstanding educators, has appropriately honored Mr. Hoilman, especially noting his outstanding teaching methods, impressive accomplishments, leadership potential, and ability to motivate his students; and

WHEREAS, teaching Theater and English at Unicoi County High School, Mr. Hoilman is known for his passion for education and his creative teaching methods which benefit students far beyond the scope of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, a man of the utmost integrity, Mr. Hoilman, through all his endeavors, emphasizes the importance of strong moral character; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his time in the conventional classroom, Mr. Hoilman lends his talents to such notable programs as the Governor's School for Heritage, of which he has been a staff member for ten years, Milligan College Summer Arts Camp, and Moral Kombat, an after-school character education program which he serves as a facilitator; he has been declared a "social service hero" by the Department of Human Services for his Christmas gift project benefiting needy children; and

WHEREAS, ever desiring to advance his community, Mr. Hoilman uses theatrical performances to engage the community in dialogue regarding various issues, including drug and alcohol abuse, appropriate behavior, respect for authority figures, and peer harassment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoilman is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, truly serving as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, Mr. Hoilman's friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tracy Hoilman epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tracy Hoilman on being chosen as 2004 Teacher of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy